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Sacramento Man Pleads Guilty to Possessing Gold Coins Stolen from the U.S. Mail and Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm

SACRAMENTO--Acting U.S. Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that DAVID ALLEN GIBSON, 42, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge John A. Mendez to possessing items stolen from the United States Mail and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

This case is the product of extensive investigation by the U. S. Postal Inspection Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, GIBSON admitted that on October 31, 2008 and November 8, 2008, he pawned gold coins stolen from the U.S. Mail. The coins were stolen on September 26, 2008 from a registered mail bag taken from a locked U.S. Postal Service truck. Among other items, the stolen registered mail bag contained mailed sports memorabilia, the cremated human remains of an individual, and unique historic gold coins. On November 18, 2008, a search warrant was executed on Gibson's residence. At that time, Gibson, having previously been convicted of robbery, was in possession of a loaded 380 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Some of the stolen items have been recovered.

GIBSON is scheduled to be sentenced for his offenses on May 26, 2008. The maximum penalty he faces is 15 years imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$500,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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